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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE
C.A:04-1199 (SLR)

SRI INTERNATIONAL, INC.,)
a California Corporation)
Plaintiff and)
Counterclaim Defendant,)
v.)
INTERNET SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.,)
a Delaware Corporation, INTERNET)
SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC., a Georgia)
Corporation, and SYMANTEC)
CORPORATION, a Delaware)
Corporation,)
Defendants and)
Counterclaim-Plaintiffs.)

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1 yeah, it -- sorry, I couldn't --

2 Q. Maybe when we take a break I'll call to my
3 office and see if we have that in house.

4 A. Yeah, that would tell us clearly, you know.
5 Because we had reference date here, and if
6 the BAA is before this, then certainly, you
7 know, this is -- but I would think this
8 must be the discussion notes I took, you
9 know, between MCNC and NC State at the time
10 to come up with the proposal. So
11 definitely this would be after, I would say
12 this is after the BAA is announced. But
13 whether, you know, before we submit a
14 proposal or not, I think that was the
15 question I had. You know, whether this was
16 before we submit a proposal or afterwards.
17 Definitely, you know, the context of these
18 notes was the discussion related to JiNao,
19 and certainly that took place after we saw
20 the BAA, as I recall.

21 Q. With respect to the stats based part of
22 JiNao --

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. -- did you use an algorithm that was

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1 developed at SRI?

2 A. Yes, pretty much that was the phase
3 algorithm. We might have modified certain
4 parameters there, but the framework was
5 borrowed from SRI, as I recall, called
6 NIDES, N-I-D-E-S.

7 Q. And how did it come to be that you used the
8 SRI NIDES algorithm?

9 A. Well, at that time, as I recall, DARPA
10 actually promote the idea. You know, other
11 people's -- you know -- the research
12 results, you know. There is nothing
13 preventing -- because we are not for
14 commercial purpose. So actually that was
15 encouraged by DARPA so that you can, you
16 know, help others and come up with
17 something more advanced. That was I think
18 one of the reasons, you know, the project
19 was selected, because we view it on top of
20 them and come up with integrated solution.

21 Q. To your knowledge, was the NIDES algorithm
22 used for network data, internet network
23 data?

24 MS. PRESCOTT: Objection to form.

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1 we were interested in protecting at that
2 time, and OSPF finally was the target
3 protocol that we chose to focus our effort
4 upon.

5 Q. Did the NIDES algorithm -- well, let's step
6 back. Did you receive a NIDES algorithm
7 from SRI?

8 A. Did I receive? No. I basically searched
9 the internet and -- basically we came up
10 with this true complementary algorithm, if
11 you will, one is statistical based, one is
12 protocol analysis based. So you know, we
13 look around how we implement this. And so
14 we search around, and we understand NIDES
15 already developed a certain very nice
16 algorithm in the statistical analysis
17 arena. So that's why we talked to SRI
18 folks and, you know, get a -- a detail of
19 their algorithm. And we use that as a
20 base. Yeah.

21 Q. When did you start contact with SRI?

22 A. When did I start contact with SRI? I don't
23 recall exactly, but somewhere around that
24 time frame, I would say. After we

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1 establish statistical algorithm as the
2 component, one of the major component in
3 our design, we did a prior search, if you
4 will, and then we found out SRI has this
5 algorithm available. Developed, I should
6 say. And so we talked to them. As far as
7 time frame, I don't recall, you know,
8 exactly when that happened.

9 Q. Do you recall who you spoke with first at
10 SRI about the statistical algorithm?

11 A. Did I recall who I spoke to first? I don't
12 recall clear, exactly, but one of three
13 persons, I would say, was Peter Neumann was
14 one possibility, and Al was another one,
15 and Phil Porras was another one. Yeah, I
16 think one of three. I don't recall who I
17 spoke to first, but yeah.

18 Q. And Al, you mean Al Valdes.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. If you could page into the notes into the
21 laboratory images 68 and 69. And you'll
22 see the entry at 68 is 82796.

23 A. Um-hmm.

24 Q. And the top is Teresa Lunt. Do you see

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1 Q. Did you meet with Mr. Valdes about that
2 time frame?

3 A. Yeah, based upon these, I think yeah, I did
4 meet with him.

5 Q. Do you recall if you met with anybody else
6 at SRI?

7 A. Do you mean during the conference, or
8 afterwards, or --

9 Q. Afterwards.

10 A. Afterwards, if I recall correctly, I might
11 have paid them a visit at SRI. And you
12 know, to -- I visited them once. That's
13 what I recall. But I don't know whether
14 this was the time I visit them. But this
15 might be that time. Yeah.

16 Q. Now, at your visit do you remember -- well,
17 do you remember who you met with at SRI
18 during that visit?

19 A. The main one I thought was Al. Because
20 that was -- you know, Phil might be there
21 as well, but I don't -- I couldn't be
22 hundred percent sure, but if I visit them
23 at that time, I think it's mainly to
24 understand better what other statistical

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1 methodology they developed, so basically
2 went there to get a better understanding of
3 the NIDES, the statistical module. Yeah.

4 Q. Do you remember what Mr. Valdes told you
5 about the statistical methodology?

6 A. Well, basically they -- if I recall
7 correctly, I got a technical report from
8 them about this NIDES statistical
9 algorithm. You know, so -- and basically
10 he went over briefly with me, you know, how
11 it came about, what's the gist of the
12 algorithm. Yeah.

13 Q. Were there any discussions at this meeting
14 about using network data as a data source
15 for the statistical algorithm?

16 A. Network data? Are you referring to OSPF?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. I thought, you know, we made it clear, our
19 target, the target of our protection was
20 neuro infrastructures, basically the OSPF.
21 So I don't recall whether we made it clear
22 again during that visit or during that
23 conversation, but certainly that, you know,
24 in our presentation we -- we made it clear

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1 actually was held in the -- in Rome Lab,
2 Massachusetts. And I don't recall when.
3 Unless you have other e-mail to show, I
4 don't recall when was that, you know,
5 meeting took place.

6 Q. The e-mail back from Phil Porras to you was
7 November 4th, 1996.

8 A. Um-hmm.

9 Q. Does that help you recollect whether the
10 kick-off meeting was in the fall of 1996?

11 A. Yeah, should be that time frame. Yeah,
12 should be that time frame.

13 Q. Now, you state in the second sentence, "In
14 preparing this meeting we need to provide
15 our contracting officer an estimate as to
16 when our statistical module can be
17 delivered."

18 A. Um-hmm.

19 Q. "Since our implementation will be based on
20 yours --"

21 A. Um-hmm.

22 Q. "-- would you please give me a time frame
23 when your revision will be ready?"

24 A. Um-hmm.

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1 Q. Do you recollect what revision you were
2 seeking from SRI?
3 A. At that time, based on these e-mail notes,
4 probably they are under -- they underwent a
5 revision of their algorithm. This is the
6 best explanation I can come up with. And
7 so they're perhaps fine tuning, perhaps,
8 you know, some revision going on at that
9 time. And they indicated that, you know,
10 they will be able to provide with a revised
11 version to us. So that was the question I
12 posed on them, basically asking a feel, you
13 know, because our project will be using
14 theirs as a foundation of the base module.
15 So I basically tried to interlock with
16 them. You know, make sure our project will
17 be able to deliver based upon their revised
18 algorithm.

19 Q. Does this refresh your recollection as
20 to -- well, let me rephrase that.

21 What did you mean by statistical
22 module? Is that software?

23 A. That was a design in our architecture. One
24 component is called statistical module.

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1 All of the -- that's -- yeah, that's an
2 architectural design. Interpretation, it
3 was a software; correct.

4 Q. Did SRI give you software?

5 A. No. They have the algorithm developed, you
6 know, and it was presented in the technical
7 report form. And basically we used that
8 algorithm as a base to implement, so the
9 software was written by ourselves.

10 Q. Is this what you would call an
11 architectural design document?

12 MS. PRESCOTT: Objection to form.

13 A. Which one?

14 Q. I'm trying to understand what they gave
15 you.

16 A. They gave me the algorithm. Um-hmm.

17 Q. From the algorithm, could you then
18 implement their statistical technique?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Ask the court reporter to mark at J8
21 document bearing production numbers ISS
22 00354559 to ISS 354606.

23 (Exhibit J8 was marked.)

24 This document is entitled Proceedings

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1 meant -- what I meant was the capability we
2 implement was local in nature.

3 Q. Um-hmm.

4 A. And as the goal we try to achieve was to be
5 able to scale this capability to a global
6 label. So that was my intent in this
7 description here. Basically as a next step
8 in the capability it should be extend from
9 local to a global area. Global scope.

10 Yeah.

11 Q. Okay. And now the DARPA project was a
12 three-year project; correct?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. It was a limited in time; correct?

15 A. Yeah, um-hmm.

16 Q. And limited in funding money; correct?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Had you had more time and money, would you
19 have taken that natural extension step to a
20 more global system?

21 A. Definitely that was in our intent. But you
22 know, again I should say this was a
23 research project. There was no guarantee,
24 you know, we would be able to bear any

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1 fruit even though if the time or resource
2 is allowed at that point in time.

3 Q. If you go back to the architecture
4 document, J18, on page 3.

5 A. Page 3. Okay.

6 Q. And if you go to Section 2.1.

7 A. Um-hmm.

8 Q. And you go to the third paragraph.

9 A. Um-hmm.

10 Q. The middle of it. And you say, "While it
11 is not within the scope of this project, we
12 expect that the detection analysis
13 functions implemented in the local
14 subsystem can be extended to a global level
15 and correlate intrusion events among
16 several routers." Do you see that?

17 A. Um-hmm.

18 Q. And then it goes on to say, "The management
19 capability which is based on SNMP framework
20 can logically be further extended among
21 management nodes in a hierarchical fashion
22 to establish a status map for an autonomous
23 system."

24 A. Um-hmm.

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1 Q. Now, while your DARPA project was limited
2 in time and funding, did you create the
3 design such that it could be extended in
4 this hierarchical fashion?

5 A. I would not say created, because the SNMP
6 network by its nature is to monitor remote
7 system.

8 Q. Um-hmm.

9 A. And be able to reflect a healthy -- the
10 healthy -- the status of the network, you
11 know, it's healthy, whether it's healthy or
12 it's, you know, under stress. That was the
13 intent of the SNMP framework. And our
14 thinking at that point in time was to take
15 advantage of this SNMP by the fact that
16 it's able to monitor several systems in a
17 distributive fashion. And you know, the
18 challenge at that point was how do you
19 correlate. I think that was the main
20 technical challenge at that point in time
21 in terms of how do you collect -- collect
22 of the local detection result was not an
23 issue. The issue was how do you come up
24 with the intelligence, how do you correlate

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1 all the relevant information and be able
2 to, you know, derive a certain logical or
3 reasonable conclusion, and able to, based
4 upon this result, take action accordingly.
5 I think that was the challenge, and the --
6 you know, we did look into that aspect.
7 But however at that point we did not have a
8 very promising, you know, development at
9 that time. At the conclusion of the
10 project. So that was, you know, the open
11 question at that point.

12 Q. And if you just saw the term correlate --

13 A. Um-hmm.

14 Q. -- what would that mean to you?

15 MS. PRESCOTT: Objection to form.

16 A. Correlate means how do you put two or more
17 than two input together and derive
18 meaningful information, or intelligence,
19 out of these different infrastreams of
20 information, and be able to come up with
21 certain rationale or logic that what this,
22 you know, behavior manifests to itself.

23 Probably that's kind of lengthy or
24 wordy, but that's my understanding of this

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10:29:18 1 THE WITNESS: I'm not quite sure what you
10:29:18 2 mean, "the same."
10:29:19 3 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:
10:29:22 4 Q. Do they both stem from the NIDES algorithm?
10:29:23 5 A. Does EMERALD stem from NIDES?
10:29:28 6 Q. I'm talking about the statistical anomaly
10:29:31 7 algorithms described in the patents in suit, and I'm
10:29:35 8 talking about the statistical anomaly algorithms
10:29:37 9 discussed in the JiNao paper.
10:29:38 10 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Vague and
10:29:42 11 ambiguous, lacks foundation.
10:29:46 12 THE WITNESS: Again, a lot of the jargon is
10:29:50 13 the same. They're both statistical approaches. But
10:29:50 14 the context is very different, so I would say no.
10:29:53 15 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:
10:29:56 16 Q. How is the context very different, in your
10:29:56 17 opinion?
10:29:59 18 A. The context is -- that statement I made is
10:30:02 19 simply pointing out that you're looking in the one
10:30:09 20 case at host-based audit logs and in the other case at
10:30:13 21 network packets whizzing by on the wire. So any
10:30:18 22 statistical algorithms, statistical algorithms, will
10:30:23 23 have gross features in common but, depending on the
10:30:25 24 time series and the nature of the data you're
25 examining, will necessarily be quite different.

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10:30:33 1 Q. And it is your opinion that JiNao did not
10:30:35 2 look at network packets?

10:30:39 3 A. Not in the same fashion that the EMERALD

10:30:42 4 network service monitors do.

10:30:46 5 Q. Did the JiNao system look at network
10:30:46 6 packets?

10:30:48 7 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Vague and
10:30:50 8 ambiguous, asked and answered.

10:30:53 9 THE WITNESS: Did it look at network packets?

10:31:03 10 It clearly reacted to network packets, so it
10:31:03 11 definitely -- it definitely reacted to them.

10:31:06 12 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:

10:31:10 13 Q. What do you mean, it reacted to network
10:31:10 14 packets?

10:31:19 15 A. Well, JiNao is primarily about detection of
10:31:25 16 anomalies that pertain to the routing protocol, in
10:31:32 17 this case, OSPF, the interior gateway protocol of
10:31:33 18 OSPF. And this protocol -- a protocol is a program
10:31:39 19 that's run by different machines, and they message
10:31:43 20 each other as part of the execution of the program.
10:31:46 21 And in the Internet, those messages are carried in
10:31:47 22 Internet packets.

10:31:52 23 So in that sense, the messaging of the
10:32:00 24 protocol uses IP, and JiNao is about examining the
25 operation of OSPF in a router. And that operation

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10:32:13 1 reacts to route updates and other kinds of
10:32:16 2 OSPF-related messages that are delivered by packets.
10:32:20 3 So I can't say that it doesn't react to packets,
10:32:26 4 therefore.

10:32:31 5 Q. So is it your opinion that algorithms that
10:32:39 6 look at information about routing would not be
10:32:40 7 relevant to the patents in suit?

10:32:43 8 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Lacks foundation,
10:32:47 9 vague and ambiguous.

10:32:52 10 THE WITNESS: I would say no. I would say
10:32:56 11 that it depends on how you look at those packets. And
10:32:59 12 that's the key difference between a host-based and a
10:33:05 13 network-based sensor. It's really a matter of the --
10:33:11 14 how you react to them and the kinds of -- the kinds of
10:33:14 15 operations you do as a result of observing such a
10:33:19 16 packet and how you observe the packet: Are you simply
10:33:24 17 taking note of the fact that it's a packet, or are you
10:33:27 18 probing deeper into the payload, and everything in
10:33:34 19 between. It's really fundamentally a question
10:33:38 20 about -- I think I said, how you're reacting to the
10:33:42 21 packet and what attributes of the packet you're
10:33:42 22 reacting to.

10:33:56 23 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:

10:33:59 24 Q. What attribute -- if you were looking at a
25 routing protocol, what attributes of a routing

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10:40:10 1 MS. MOEHLMAN: I'm just trying to understand
10:40:14 2 your testimony, because you just spent several pages
10:40:18 3 talking about how the network packets examined by
10:40:22 4 JiNao don't fall within this claim. And you pointed
10:40:25 5 to network surveillance. So when I asked you about
10:40:28 6 network surveillance, you testified that you look at
10:40:31 7 all packets on the wire. So when you say all packets
10:40:35 8 on the wire, what particularly do you need to look at
10:40:37 9 within a packet, or could it be anything?

10:40:39 10 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Mischaracterizes
10:40:43 11 the testimony. Vague and ambiguous. Lacks
10:40:49 12 foundation.

10:40:51 13 THE WITNESS: So the point is that when I
10:40:54 14 have -- when I'm doing network surveillance, I'm
10:40:57 15 looking at the packets as they're flowing by on the
10:41:04 16 wire or through some reconnaissance port of the
10:41:10 17 router. And all I have to -- in the sense of just
10:41:14 18 trying to deal with this torrent of information, I'm
10:41:18 19 typically, in the context of these patents examining
10:41:27 20 fields in the header of the packet. And only in a
10:41:31 21 very, very rudimentary way could I be exploring
10:41:31 22 elements of the payload.

10:41:36 23 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:

10:41:39 24 Q. And how did JiNao not look at packets
25 flowing on the wire?

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10:41:51 1 A. Well, in a couple of ways. The first is that
10:41:58 2 it's examining only those packets that are in receipt
10:42:04 3 by the router that it's trying to protect and on which
10:42:12 4 it's trying to conduct intrusion detection. And only
10:42:15 5 those packets that, in the case of the example in the
10:42:29 6 paper, are germane to OSPF. And it's certainly
10:42:31 7 reacting to elements in the payload to a level of
10:42:34 8 detail that's simply out of the scope of these patents
10:42:43 9 and would simply not be feasible. I went through the
10:42:47 10 noninfringement story with regards -- sorry, the
10:42:51 11 validity story with regard to JiNao in my report, and
10:42:53 12 I could look through it.

10:42:55 13 Q. Feel free to reference it if you need to.
10:42:59 14 But I'm trying to ask you questions, and if you need
10:43:03 15 to reference it, that's why I marked all of these
10:43:10 16 exhibits, so feel free. Let me ask you, just going
10:43:15 17 to the next element on the '338 patent where it says,
10:43:18 18 "receiving network packets handled by a network
10:43:25 19 entity." I believe you said a router is a network
10:43:25 20 entity. Am I right?

10:43:27 21 A. Sure.

10:43:32 22 Q. And did JiNao receive packets handled by a
10:43:39 23 router?

10:43:39 24 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Vague and
25 ambiguous.

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10:43:44 1 THE WITNESS: In that context, sure. It
10:43:47 2 reacted to packets that are -- certain packets that
10:43:56 3 are received by the router. So in the sense that it
10:43:56 4 reacts to those packets, it receives them.

10:44:11 5 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:

10:44:17 6 Q. And as part of the OSPF protocol, is there
10:44:19 7 something called a HELLO packet?

10:44:20 8 A. Sure.

10:44:23 9 Q. And what does a HELLO packet do?

10:44:32 10 A. It simply identifies the OSPF speaker to its
10:44:41 11 peers.

10:44:45 12 Q. And does that indicate a network connection?

10:44:46 13 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Vague and
10:44:46 14 ambiguous.

10:44:54 15 THE WITNESS: Network connection? In a very
10:45:06 16 general sense, yes. Essentially, if I'm in receipt of
10:45:10 17 a HELLO packet from an OSPF speaker, I know that that
10:45:10 18 speaker is therefore connected to the network.

10:45:12 19 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:

10:45:19 20 Q. Did JiNao build long-term profiles,
10:45:21 21 long-term statistical profiles?

10:45:25 22 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Vague and
10:45:26 23 ambiguous.

10:45:29 24 THE WITNESS: Well, I guess in my reading of
10:45:29 25 JiNao, I can't really say that it -- you know, in my

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10:49:22 1 A. Because it's not -- it's fundamentally not a
10:49:24 2 method of network surveillance.

10:49:27 3 Q. So it's your opinion that it does not meet

10:49:29 4 the preamble?

10:49:38 5 A. That's correct, yeah.

10:49:42 6 Q. Does it meet the first element, receiving

10:49:47 7 network packets handled by a network entity?

10:49:48 8 MR. POLLACK: Objection. Vague and

10:49:48 9 ambiguous.

10:49:51 10 THE WITNESS: The router receives the

10:49:55 11 packets, strictly speaking. So JiNao is a mechanism

10:49:57 12 sitting in a router that reacts to the receipt of

10:50:01 13 those packets. So I would say qualifying it, yeah,

10:50:01 14 you're right.

10:50:06 15 BY MS. MOEHLMAN:

10:50:11 16 Q. So does JiNao meet that first element or

10:50:12 17 not?

10:50:16 18 A. I -- I mean, again, it's not receiving the

10:50:20 19 network packet. It's reacting to certain attributes

10:50:24 20 of it that are -- the packets already in receipt by

10:50:28 21 the router or the line card on which JiNao is

10:50:29 22 functioning.

10:50:34 23 Q. So if I had a component that receives data

10:50:40 24 from a router, would that meet the claim? Could that

25 possibly meet that claim element?

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2. Continuation Applications *>,< Divisional Applications, ** or Continuation-In-Part Applications Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

The examiner will consider information which has been considered by the Office in a parent application when examining (A) a continuation application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) ** (B) a divisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) ** or (C) a continuation-in-part application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). A listing of the information need not be resubmitted in the continuing application unless the applicant desires the information to be printed on the patent.

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If resubmitting a listing of the information, applicant should submit a new listing that complies with the format requirements in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1). Applicants are strongly discouraged from submitting a list that includes copies of PTO/SB/08 (PTO-1449) or PTO-892 forms from other applications. A completed PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449 form from another application may already have initials of an examiner and the application number of another application. This information will likely confuse the record. Furthermore, when the spaces provided on the form have initials of an examiner, there are no spaces available next to the documents listed for the examiner of the subsequent application to provide his or her initials, and the previously relevant initials may be erroneously construed as being applied for the current application.<

3. Requests for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 CFR 1.114

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